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# Moon

In all your brightness, burn  
like a vicarious utopia,  
virgin fricatrice of the stars;  
for in your eyes are the craters  
of my monochrome solipsism;  
you were there (yes?)  
when the first men peeked upward  
into the vaulted heavens,  
and here, as my eyes close  
over the atramentous pages.  
And elsewhere, in between,  
ever vigilant and ever stuck,  
like a raspberry seed  
in solar teeth

*By Samuel Keyes*